



BAHRAIN



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Embassy to the United States from Bahrain

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United States Embassy to Bahrain

<http://bahrain.usembassy.gov/>

Flight Information

The accuracy and currency of information contained in this guide is uncertain due to the difficulty in obtaining the information and the rapidly changing environment. Aviators should always check with a country's aviation authority or a local aviation handler to determine any specific aircraft airworthiness/equipment and crew/passenger entry requirements.

Airports of Entry

[OBBI](#) [Bahrain International Airport](#)

Entry/Exit Requirements

Entry and exit requirements are for aircraft departing the United States non-stop to country of destination. These requirements do not include any technical stops. Please refer to **Technical Stop** section in **Additional Flight Information** for the country at which the technical stop will be made.

Entry and Exit documentation forms vary from country to country. In general, however, ICAO member countries will accept the following standard ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit documents:

- General Declaration
- Passenger Manifest
- Cargo Manifest
- Embarkation/Disembarkation Card
- Certificate of Residual Disinsection

Examples of these documents can be found at [/FIM Home>General Information>International Flying Overview> ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit Documents](#). The acceptance of these ICAO documents must be confirmed by the appropriate AIS.

ICAO Documents can be purchased from ICAO at: <http://store1.icao.int/>

All flights landing in, departing from or overflying the territory of Bahrain shall comply with Bahrain Civil Aviation Law and Regulations and must include a valid mailing address of the company for which payment invoice must be issued to; failure to comply will result in rejecting the relevant approval request.

The following information is required from ***all aircraft operators for any type of operations***:

- Aircraft Operator [Air Operator's Certificate (AOC)-holder] and Address
- Aircraft Charterer (if any)
- Call Sign/Flight Number or Registration mark(s)
- Aircraft Type & Nature of Flight
- Full Sector of Flight (from/to) & ETA/ETD
- Approval for the carriage of dangerous goods
- Proposed date(s) of flight(s)
- Aircraft configuration (passenger and cargo capacity)
- Postal address of the company for collection of bills and payments.
- Postal address of the agent and its client, if any.
- Finance section contact details, telephone, fax and email.

All applications for approval should be addressed to the attention of:

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Entry Requirements (Departing the U.S.)

- File an [eAPIS](#) manifest outbound (recommend inbound at this time, too)
- File and activate international flight plan
- Land at a designated airport of entry (AOE) – customs and immigration

The following entry documents are required:

Passengers –

- Valid passport - valid for at least 6 months
- [Visa](#) - required for U.S. Citizens; may apply on-line: <http://www.evisa.gov.bh/>
- Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected areas.
- Embarkation/Disembarkation Card

Pilots – Same as passengers

Note: Other pilot/crewmember requirements may be applicable in lieu of those stated. Contact appropriate AIS for further clarification prior to flight.

Aircraft –

- Operators must declare upon applying for clearance that the aircraft is not carrying military cargo/photographic instruments/electronic surveillance monitoring systems/etc.
- General Declaration, 1 for Health
- Passenger Manifest, 1 for Health (only required if embarking/disembarking passengers)
- Cargo Manifest, 1 for Customs (only required if loading/unloading cargo)
- Air carriers and air operators are required to provide evidence of adequate insurance

Exit Requirements (Departing Bahrain)

- Embarkation Card
- 1 Cargo Manifest for Customs (only required if loading/unloading cargo)
- 1 General Declaration for Customs
- Depart from an AOE
- General Declaration for Customs
- File [eAPIS](#) manifest if inbound to the U.S.
- File an international flight plan
- Call U.S. Customs at filed U.S. airport of entry

Additional Flight Information

Aircraft Instruments and Equipment

U.S. aircraft airworthiness and certification requirements may not meet other countries requirements. It is the responsibility of the pilot to determine if the aircraft meet those requirements.

The items listed below are for pilots' reference to determine if the aircraft meets minimum instrument and equipment requirements of the destination country. Additional equipment may be required to comply with the airspace navigation requirements.

- VHF RTF with appropriate frequencies available

- Approach aids within Control Zones, e.g. ILS.
- In Control Areas and Control Zones – VOR receiver and automatic D/F and receiver for 75 MHZ beacons
- in BAHRAIN CTA and Terminal Maneuvering Areas, in addition to above, DME
- In addition to those listed above for flight in controlled airspace above FL 150 and DME
- Mode A – 4096 Codes and Mode C
- ACAS II for fixed wing turbine aircraft with a maximum take-off mass in excess of 5,700 kg or approved passenger seating of more than 19.

RVSM

[Domestic and International RVSM](#) guidance is provided on the IFIM Home Page. Click on the **Air Traffic** tab and select **Separation Standards** from the drop down list.

Technical Stop / Overflight

For non-scheduled operators-

There is no requirement to request for overflying permission for such aircraft except when the flight is involved in Diplomatic or Military operations e.g., State VIP, transportation of ammunitions etc.

Applications for Technical Stops should be made to the Director of Air Transport (see Designated Authorities). A minimum notice period of 48 hours is required. In addition to the information under Entry / Exit Requirements the operator must provide:

Date of Flight(s)
Type of Cargo (if any)

For Private Flights –

Subject to the observance of the applicable rules and regulations, there is no requirement to request permission for overflying or refueling/crew rest stops for such aircraft except when the flight is involved in Diplomatic or Military Operations e.g., State VIP, Transportation of ammunitions etc.

Non-scheduled Flights (Charters)

If an operator intends to make a non-scheduled stop in the territory of Bahrain for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, cargo or mail, the Air Operator Certificate (AOC)-holder should apply to the Director of Air Transport. A minimum notice period of one week is required. The following valid documents are required from the AOC-holder in addition to the information shown under Entry / Exit Requirements above:

- Air Operator's Certificate, reflecting the aircraft registration mark(s)
- Certificate of Registration
- Certificate of Airworthiness
- Insurance Certificate with full liability coverage
- Noise Certificate
- Aircraft Radio Station License
- ACAS II/TCAS Certificate (mandatory within Bahrain airspace)
- Basic Area Navigation (B-RNAV) Certificate, if equipped.
- RVSM Certificate, when operating above 29,000 feet
- In case of a leased aircraft:

- A) A copy of the lease agreement, approved by the State of Registry and the state of operator.
- B) Conformity statement from the State of Registry, stating that it will remain responsible for the safety oversight.
- C) In case of transfer of functions of the State of Registry to the State of Operator, evidence is required showing the state responsible for safety oversight.

Private Flights

If a private or general operator wishes to land in the territory of Bahrain for the purpose of taking on or discharging of passengers, cargo or mail, approval should be addressed to the Director of Air Transport. A minimum notice period of 48 hours is required.

The requirements for private flights without embarking or disembarking passengers are not addressed in the Bahrain AIP.

The following information is required in addition to the information shown under Entry / Exit Requirements:

- Purpose of flight
- Passenger & company name
- Name of VIP (if any)
- Type of Cargo (if any)
- Hosting company and/or Contact in Bahrain

Fees

Users may anticipate fees for, landing, parking and passenger service charges (departure tax), parking and air navigation., No parking fee will be charged for the first two hours after landing. Refer to the free on-line AIP for details.

Fuel

Jet A1 is available to contract customers or on a cash basis only.. AvGas is available by prior arrangement with BAFCO (Bahrain Aviation Fuelling Company) TEL: +973 17329440 FAX: +973 17336464.

Night VFR

VFR flights between sunset and sunrise, or such other period between sunset and sunrise as may be prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority, shall be operated in accordance with the conditions prescribed by such authority.

VFR flights are permitted between the hours of sunset and sunrise in CLASS C, D and CLASS G airspace.

Aeronautical Charts

The charts contained in the AIP BAHRAIN FIR may be obtained from the:

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Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices

Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices may be found on the IFIM main page under General Information. Click [HERE](#) to open.

Country Specific Travel Information

Public Health Requirements

Aircraft – If more than four weeks have elapsed since the date of issue of the certificate of Residual Disinfection, and the aircraft has originated in or arrived from a malaria infected area or a yellow fever endemic area, aerosol disinfection of the aircraft should be carried out before taking off, or on arrival.

DOT: [Aircraft Disinsection Requirements](#)

Passengers – A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required from travelers over one year of age coming from infected areas.

Please refer to the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization websites below for any current requirements.

CDC: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/bahrain.htm>
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/vaccinations.aspx>

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/en/>

Public Holidays

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Most of these holidays are based on the Muslim lunar Calendar, and in certain cases the actual dates depend on the sighting of the New moon.

An asterisk (*) against a date in the table indicates that it may vary by approximately + or - one day.

New Years Day	1 Jan
Mohammed's Birthday	* 13 Jan
National Sport Day	11 Feb
Labor Day	01 May
Eid-al-Fitr	* 28 Jul (3 days)
Eid-al-Adha	* 04 Oct (4 days)
Al-Hijrah New Year	* 25 Oct
Ashoorra	* 03 Nov (2days)
Bahrain National Day	16 Dec (2 days)

For holidays of more than one day, the date given is the first day.

Pets

Advance permits are also required for the importation of live animals to kingdom of Bahrain. Details are available on application to the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture Affairs, Farmer's Services Directorate (see Designated Authorities).

Additional Links

Official Bahrain Tourist site: <http://www.bahraintourism.com/>

CIA World Factbook:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ba.html>

ICAO Documents can be purchased from ICAO at: <http://store1.icao.int/>

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